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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In reply to the Advisory Action of the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated May 10, 2005, and in conjunction with the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, Applicants respectfully submit the following revisions and remarks. Applicants previously submitted a Notice of Appeal on May 26, 2005. Accordingly, a response to the Advisory Action was due on July 26, 2005. By this response Applicants respectfully petition a one month extension of time. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following revisions and remarks.

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